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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Richard Morley, 41, of Prairie du Chien, Wis., was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court in Madison for conspiring with Todd Vasa, 42, also of Prairie du Chien, to manufacture methamphetamine from January to March of 2005. Morley was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to a term of eight years and 10 months in federal prison, to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release.

Todd Vasa is scheduled to be sentenced on September 16. Morley and Vasa pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge on June 19, 2008.

In a related case, Erin King, 25, of Prairie Du Chien, had been sentenced in November 2006 by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 62 months in prison, and three years of supervised release, for possession of pseudoephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

The charges against Morley, Vasa, and the earlier charges against King, were the result of an investigation conducted by the Prairie du Chien Police Department, the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, the Clayton County (Iowa) Sheriff's

Department, the La Crosse Police Department, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of the cases was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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